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1. The present large-scale development of the Hungarian heavy industries automatically demands the increase of a trained technical elite. The existing Hungarian universities would not be able to train a sufficient number of young technical engineers. Therefore the government decided, naturally with Soviet approval, to increase the number of universities for practical sciences and to build near Miskolc, in the vicinity of the most important and largest Hungarian heavy and military combines, the "Mátyás Rákosi" University for Heavy Industries.
2. Construction work, and at the same time temporary instruction, started here in 1950, and this summer [1953] the first 236 engineers were graduated from here. Construction is still going on with great speed about 3.5 km from Miskolc on the road leading to Bath Tapolca. The university has its own new trolley-bus line also. Lectures began in 1950 in a sequestered building which formerly had been a high school run by priests.
3. Since this time the government, with Moscow's knowledge, has set up a program requiring an investment of 290 million forints for educational purposes. The major part will go to the University for Heavy Industries project, the other to a contemplated project of a University for Heavy Chemical Industries at Veszprém.
4. By 1953 twelve chairs were set up at Miskolc, and by the end of the last term 1322 students were enrolled in 17 chairs. The university will consist of three faculties: Faculty of Mining; Faculty of Metallurgy; Faculty of mechanical engineering. According to plans each faculty will have 6 or 7 chairs by the time the whole project is completed. At present the following chairs have been set up:

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